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	Examiner Jila M Mohandesi	Art Unit 3728	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 04 November 2003.
2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are rejected.
7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Lowe et al. (5,787,069). Lowe '069 discloses in combination with a media disc (4) having a label face, a media retrieval face and a central aperture extending between said faces, a flexible wrapping covering (10 and 16) both said faces and extending through the aperture to seal the media disc. See Figure 1a embodiment.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 1-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nava et al. (6,302,288) in view of Lowe '069. Nava '288 discloses in combination a media disc and a beverage cup lid having a central boss having a slitted opening passing through the central aperture of the media disc. The beverage cup lid having a peripheral lip within which the media disc snaps to secure the media disc to the lid. See Figures 1-6 embodiments. Nava '288 does not appear to teach a flexible wrapping covering both

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faces of the media disc and extending through the aperture of the media disc. Lowe '069 discloses that it is desirable to provide a flexible wrapping covering both faces and extending through the aperture of the media disc for better protecting the disc.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide a flexible wrapping to the media disc of Nava '288 as taught by Lowe '069 to better protect the disc.

With respect to claim 4 whether the flexible wrapping is attached by clasps or heating or any other art recognized equivalent is an obvious matter of choice, such as cost and ease of manufacturing since the polyester and polycarbonate material of Lowe's '069 flexible wrapping can be shrink-wrapped and attached by heating.

Conclusion


5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Shown are media disc with flexible wrappings analogous to applicant's instant invention.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jila M Mohandesi whose telephone number is (571) 272-4558. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 7:30-4:00 (EST).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mickey Yu can be reached on (571) 272-4562. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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